

## Melvin Swanson

Services for Melvin Joel Swanson, 70, Alta, were held Sept. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Alta. Rev. John Chadwick officiated. Burial was in Scandinavian Cemetery, Alta. Jones-Barker Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sept. 4 at Methodist Hospital, Des Moines.

Melvin was born Sept. 24, 1918 to Ludwig and Ida Swanson. He attended Brooke School and Peterson schools in Peterson. He married Lillian Gregersen on April 29, 1941, in Rockford, Ill. He served in World War II. They moved to Alta in 1947 to farm and later he worked for Farm Service. He retired in 1987. He was a member of VFS-6172. He was also a member of the Alta Horseshoe Club and served on the Alta Co-op Creamery Board. He was active in Trinity Lutheran Church, Alta and served on the church council.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and one brother – Helmer.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters – Janet (Mrs. Clayton) Porter, Adel; Lorraine (Mrs. Bill) Plander, Luverne, Minn.; Phyllis (Mrs. Don) Witzel, Palmer, Alaska; and Joleen (Mrs. Garry) Gaffey, Pine River, Minn.’ Two sisters – Gladys Triplett, Metamora, Ill.,; and Evelyn Hoekstra, Rock Rapids, one sister-in-law – Elsa Swanson, Loves Park, Ill.; and 11 grandchildren – Jeff Porter, Carrie (Mrs. Mike) Lauterbach, Randy Porter, Pamela Plander, Thad Plander, Bryon Witzel, Maren Witzel, Jeremi Gaffey, Aaron Gaffey, Jordan Gaffey, and Adam Gaffey.